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Plantation drive for eco awareness

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Talwandi Sabo Power Limited (TSPL) today observed the International Day of Forests and the World Water Day to create awareness among employees and contractual employees towards the importance of forest, sand water conservation and its use in day-to-day life.

"Almost half of the world's workers — 1.5 billion people — work in water-related sectors and nearly all jobs depend on water and those that ensure its safe delivery. Yet millions of people who work in water sector are often not recognised or protected by basic labour rights. The theme for the year 2016 is 'Water and Jobs' which is focusing on how enough quantity and quality of water can change workers' lives and livelihoods and even transform societies and economies," said a spokesperson for the TSPL.

A mass plantation drive has also been carried out on the TSPL premises. All employees and contractors had actively participated and planted 450 saplings of neem, pipal, bargad, etc.

Apart from this, float valves were installed at 11 different locations at TSPL toilet overhead water tanks to prevent overflow of water and to conserve water. Awareness sessions

were also conducted for the employees and the contractors on water conservation initiatives of the company and also on the importance of forests.

The World Water Day was celebrated at Aspal Kothe village. TSPL officials along with MGNREGA official Mandeep Singh conducted a session on the importance of plantation and how to implement water conservation at nearby places. Around 200 saplings were also distributed among residents of the village. The magic soak pit initiative was also started in the village to make the village drain free by constructing soak pits in each and every house. It was also planned to install float valves in every house.

The International Day of Forests is celebrated worldwide every year on March 21 at the international level to increase public awareness among communities about the values, significance and contributions of forests to balance the life cycle on the Earth. World Water Day dates back to the 1992 United Nations Conference on environment and development where an international observance for water was recommended. The United Nations General Assembly responded by designating March 22, 1993, as the first World Water Day. It has been held annually since then.

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